



Sports—Digital Entry!

Be sure to check the calendar on pg. 4 for all of our upcoming games! Remember, all admission to GC sporting events is now through gofan.co



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Consider and respect others

Make a positive difference

Strive for excellence

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GRAYSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



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GCMS #1 School in Area on KSA: Earns **BLUE** Rating

We are very proud of the recently-released KSA results. GCMS solidly outperformed the state in every area! The GCMS overall index was 78.5, ranking the school in the **top 15%** of all Kentucky middle schools., and placing GCMS in the **BLUE** category, the highest performance designation. KSA is the Kentucky Summative Assessment and is administered to all students in the state each May. GCMS is blessed with an amazing staff and hard-working students!

2025 KSA MS Comparison			Proficiency Level (% Proficient or Distinguished)				
Middle School	Overall Performance Color	Overall Performance Index	Reading	Math	Science	Social Studies	Combined Writing
Grayson Co.	Blue	78.5	74	53	36	53	72
East Hardin	Green	73	59	56	47	51	56
West Hardin	Green	67.6	52	45	33	39	50
Ohio Co	Green	65.6	62.5	47	32	42	67
Butler Co.	Green	64.2	46	40	22	40	61
Edmonson (7-8)	Green	64	53	49	34	37	66
Bluegrass	Yellow	62.3	45	36	23	35	47
Breck Co	Yellow	60.9	45	34	37	35	36
TK Stone	Yellow	58.9	48	42	45	35	48
Hart Co. (Avg)	Yellow	57.9	46	34	22	38	31
James T Alton	Orange	46.4	40	32	35	28	26
Edmonson (5-6)	Orange	46.2	42	39	NA	18	NA
North (Hardin)	Orange	42.4	35	19	NA	26	35
STATE AVERAGE	Yellow	NA	47	41	29	39	48

GCMS Food Drive Ends Soon!

On Nov. 6, GCMS began the annual Food Drive for the Grayson Co. Alliance! Canned or non-perishable food

GOAL -
4,500 Pounds



items may be brought by students or transported by parents. Please indicate the student's name and grade level on the donation, as we have a spirited but friendly competition. Let's help our students understand the importance of making an **impact** on their community.





Boys and Girls Basketball!

Cougar and Lady Cougar teams are picking up multiple wins with great play on both sides of the ball!



For a full calendar of Cougar Basketball, check the calendar on pg. 4



Students and Staff Honor Veterans on Nov. 11

GCMS conducted a Veterans Day ceremony on Tue., Nov. 11 at 7:45 a.m. in the GCMS gym. Several veterans who were family members of GCMS students or staff attended this solemn and meaningful occasion. We appreciate all who attended, and give special thanks to speaker Norman



Chaffins, GCMS Choir, Lila Fulker-son (Pledge), Katelynn Holben and Xander Prince (Taps), and custodian Jimmy Johnston for his tremendous rendition of "God Bless the USA." Each veteran was introduced and recognized for his/her service.

GCMS Hosts Successful Lunch and Learn on Nov. 14

On Nov. 14, GCMS held the annual Lunch and Learn event. Hundreds of parents and family members came out to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, with many checking out the Cougar Zone displays and Art Show. Staff and students enjoyed hosting these families and building important relationships! GCMS wants to partner with our parents/guardians to help each student have a meaningful impact on our community. Thanks to all who attended!





I Can Do...Anything!

Speaker B. Farris got students fired up about their potential on Thu., Nov. 20!



Cougar Zone
Mon-Thu. 3-5
& Tue-Fri Before
School!

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Need parent portal? Go to our website, and click the button that says "Need Parent Portal" It's as easy as that!



Senator Steve Meredith Becomes "Principal for a Day"

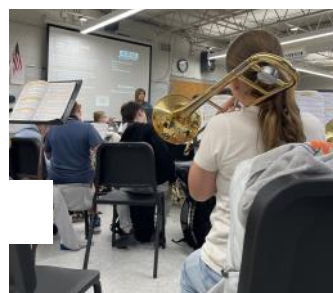
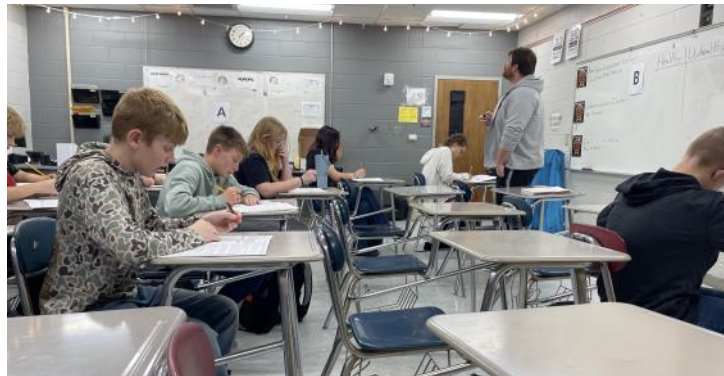


Through a program created by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, Sen. Steve Meredith spent Thu., Nov. 13 getting an idea about leadership at GCMS. The idea of the program is to give legislators and opportunity to see for themselves some of the terrific things happening

in our local schools. After classroom visits, lunchroom duty, and even morning announcements, Meredith praised students for their respect and teachers for their instruction.



GCMS Students and Staff—Working Hard as ONE TEAM!



December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 30	1 Boys Basketball vs Heritage Christian AWAY 5:30	2 Guest Speaker: Samara Heavrin Boys Basketball vs Hancock 6-8 HOME 5:30	3 GATE - KYA Girls Basketball vs. Owensboro 7&8 HOME 5:30	4 GATE - KYA Girls Basketball vs. Edmonson HOME 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Owensboro AWAY 5:30	5 Principal's Advisory - Conf. Room - 7:30 GATE - KYA	6
7	8 Girls Basketball vs. Butler HOME 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Butler AWAY 5:30	9 CSIP Meeting 3:00 Boys Basketball vs Edmonson 6-8 AWAY 5:00 MS Band Concert @ 6:00 Auditorium	10	11 Girls Basketball vs. Ohio AWAY 5:30 Boys Basketball vs Trinity 6-8 AWAY 5:00 <i>MS Chorus Concert 6PM</i>	12	13 Girls Basketball GRVC Tourney TBA Dec 13-18
14 <i>Orchestra Winter Concerts</i>	15 GRINCH vs. SANTA DAY Boys Basketball vs Hart 6-8 HOME 5:00	16 FESTIVE ATTIRE DAY MTSS Meeting 3:15 Boys Basketball vs Hart 6-8 AWAY 5:00	17 CHRISTMAS CHARACTER DAY SBDM Meeting 3:15	18 POLAR EXPRESS/PJ DAY <i>Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.</i> Boys Basketball vs Ohio HOME 5:30	19 TREE TOPPER/HAT DAY CougarBuck Reward End of 2nd Quarter	20

GCMS HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Let's close out the semester in style!

MONDAY

GRINCH VS. SANTA
 GREEN or RED - make your pick!


TUESDAY

FESTIVE ATTIRE
 Break out that perfect sweater or shirt!


WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS CHARACTER
 Dress like your fav!


THURSDAY

POLAR EXPRESS
 Break out the PJs!


FRIDAY

TREE TOPPER
 Hats, Headbands, Toboggans, Antlers




School Resumes on Tue., Jan. 6, 2025



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1

INSTRUCTION/LEARNING

- Top 20% of KY Middle Schools on state testing
- Aligned learning targets at appropriate rigor, referenced during class
- All students cognitively engaged through use of Thoughtful Classroom tools and concepts
- Implementation of effective co-teaching models



2

COMMUNITY

- Build networks to increase community/school communication
- Students volunteering/active in the community
- Re-establish mentoring program
- Programs coming into the school
- Create a "Day of Service" or similar event/s



3

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

- Career exploration
- Technical skills/classes offered
- Bringing more opportunities (grants, transcend boundaries, field trips, etc.)
- Increase recognition



4

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY/COMMITMENT

- Rebuild soft skills like being on time, etiquette
- Focus on attendance
- Emphasize persistence
- Help students find meaningful impact



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TEACHER FOCUS

- Show consistency
- Choose to be a team (collective efficacy)
- Teach social skills (SEL)
- Implement PBIS (behavior system) with fidelity



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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Offer events for parents beyond P/T conferences
- Incentivize parent visits
- Encourage parent volunteers





Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.

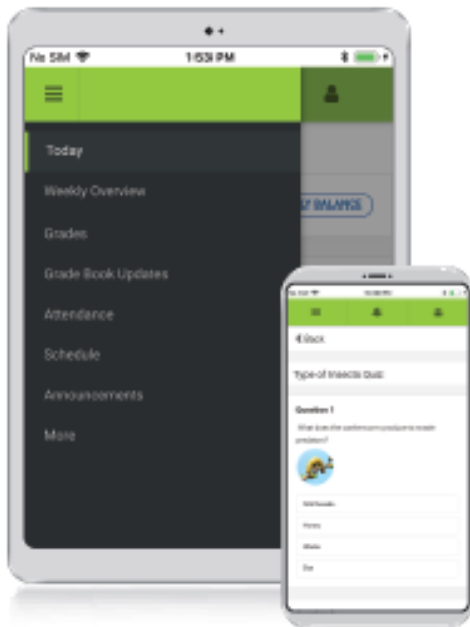


Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

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- » Schedules

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Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

Assignments

Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

Grades

Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

Schedule

Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



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Go to the GCMS website, and click the “Need Parent Portal Access” button!